

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-57. Cancelled

58. (Original) A computer-implemented method for modifying a current file associated with a file name comprising:

receiving a request to modify said current file;

creating a new file, wherein said new file is a replica of said current file

and wherein said new file is associated with a file descriptor;

modifying said new file in response to said request to modify said current

file, wherein said new file is only accessible by an entity that sent

said request to modify said new file; and

linking said file descriptor to said file name, such that said new file

replaces said current file.

59. (Original) The method of Claim 58, wherein, prior to linking said file descriptor to said file name, said current file continues to be capable of being accessed.

60-62. Cancelled

63. (Original) An apparatus for modifying a current file associated with a file name comprising:

- a mechanism for receiving a request to modify said current file;
- a mechanism for creating a new file, wherein said new file is a replica of said current file and wherein said new file is associated with a file descriptor;
- a mechanism for modifying said new file in response to said request to modify said current file, wherein said new file is only accessible by an entity that sent said request to modify said new file; and
- a mechanism for linking said file descriptor to said file name, such that said new file replaces said current file.

64. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ apparatus of Claim 63, wherein, prior to linking said file descriptor to said file name, said current file continues to be capable of being accessed.

65-67. Cancelled

68. (Original) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to modify a current file associated with a file name, said computer-readable medium comprising:

instructions for causing one or more processors to receive a request to
modify said current file;

instructions for causing one or more processors to create a new file,
wherein said new file is a replica of said current file and wherein
said new file is associated with a file descriptor;

instructions for causing one or more processors to modify said new file in
response to said request to modify said current file, wherein said
new file is only accessible by an entity that sent said request to
modify said new file; and

instructions for causing one or more processors to link said file descriptor
to said file name, such that said new file replaces said current file.

69. (Currently Amended) The ~~method~~ computer readable medium of Claim 68, wherein, prior to causing one or more processors to link said file descriptor to said file name, said current file continues to be capable of being accessed.